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NIGHT LEAD SUMMIT (550)
BY PRESTON GROVER

MOSCOW, DEC. 25 (AP)-SOVIET PREMIER NIKITA S. KHRUSHCHEV TODAY AGREED TO A SUMMIT MEETING IN PARIS BUT URGED THE WESTERN POWERS TO CHOOSE A DIFFERENT DATE SO IT WOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH THE SOVIET MAY DAY.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, BRITISH PRIME MINISTER HAROLD MACMILLAN AND FRENCH PRESIDENT CHARLES DE GAULLE MEETING IN PARIS LAST WEEKEND PROPOSED THAT THE TOP-LEVEL EAST-WEST CONFERENCE CONVENE IN PARIS ON APRIL 27. MAY DAY IS MAY 1, AND A SUMMIT MEETING, IT IS EXPECTED, WOULD LAST AT LEAST A WEEK.

KHRUSHCHEV, IN LETTERS TO THE THREE LEADERS TODAY, SAID THE APRIL 27 DATE UNFORTUNATELY WAS "INCONVENIENT FOR THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT." HE SUGGESTED EITHER APRIL 21 OR MAY 4 AS ALTERNATE DATES, AND SAID HE HOPED HIS PROPOSAL WOULD NOT "CREATE ANY COMPLICATIONS."

(IMMEDIATE COMPLICATIONS WERE NOTED IN PARIS AND LONDON, HOWEVER. THERE WAS NO COMMENT IN WASHINGTON. THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE SAID THE MAY 4 DATE WOULD INTERFERE WITH A BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN LONDON BEGINNING MAY 3.

(THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTED THAT THE APRIL 21 DATE MIGHT CONFLICT WITH DE GAULLE'S PLANS TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA ABOUT APRIL 17 OR 19. A SPOKESMAN SAID THE CONFERENCE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE TO BE PUT OFF UNTIL SOMETIME IN MAY.

(OTHER DATES CROWDING THE SUMMIT CALENDAR ARE A VISIT BY KHRUSHCHEV TO PARIS FOR TWO WEEKS BEGINNING MARCH 15. DE GAULLE IS TO BE IN BRITAIN APRIL 5-8. A SHORT WESTERN SUMMIT IS PLANNED IN PARIS JUST BEFORE THE EAST-WEST TOP-LEVEL TALKS.

(BOTH THE BRITISH AND FRENCH SAID, HOWEVER, THEY BELIEVED THE TECHNICALITIES COULD BE WORKED OUT, AND THAT THEY WERE HAPPY KHRUSHCHEV HAD AGREED TO PARIS AS THE MEETING PLACE. THE BRITISH SAID THEY WERE GLAD HE HAD AGREED BY IMPLICATION TO A SERIES OF SUMMIT CONFERENCES.)

SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO SUMMONED THE BRITISH, FRENCH AND AMERICAN AMBASSADORS FROM THEIR CHRISTMAS DAY FIRESIDES JUST BEFORE NOON AND HANDED THEM KHRUSHCHEV'S ONE-PAGE LETTERS TO THEIR CHIEFS.

GROMYKO ALSO CALLED FOREIGN NEWSMEN FROM THEIR CHRISTMASES FOR A NEWS CONFERENCE TO TELL THEM ABOUT THE LETTERS.

SOME WESTERN CIRCLES SAID THE WESTERN WORLD'S GREATEST HOLIDAY PROBABLY WAS CHOSEN FOR THE DELIVERY TO UNDERSCORE THAT APRIL 27 WOULD CONFLICT WITH THE MAY 1 HOLIDAY, ONE OF THE BIGGEST CELEBRATIONS IN THE COMMUNIST WORLD.

ON THAT OCCASION, KHRUSHCHEV WOULD EXPECT TO BE ON HAND TO REVIEW A GIANT PARADE THROUGH RED SQUARE. THE COMMUNISTS OBSERVE MAY 1 AS AN INTERNATIONAL WORKERS DAY.

AMERICANS WERE REMINDED, TOO, THAT KHRUSHCHEV CHOSE ANOTHER AMERICAN HOLIDAY, THANKSGIVING, 1958, TO ANNOUNCE THAT SIX MONTHS WAS LONG ENOUGH TO SETTLE THE STATUS OF BERLIN, AND THUS BROUGHT ON A CRISIS LEADING TO THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SUMMIT CONFERENCE. KHRUSHCHEV LATER MODIFIED THE ULTIMATUM-LIKE ASPECTS OF HIS DECLARATIONS.

KHRUSHCHEV'S LETTERS TO EISENHOWER, MACMILLAN AND DE GAULLE, ALL SIMILAR, WERE CORDIAL.

TO EISENHOWER, HE SAID HE FOUND "PROFOUND SATISFACTION" IN THE FACT THE THREE WESTERN LEADERS "CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE THAT, WITH A VIEW TO DISCUSSING THE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, SUMMIT MEETINGS SHOULD BE HELD FROM TIME TO TIME IN COUNTRIES WHICH ARE PARTIES TO SUCH CONFERENCES."

THE WESTERN LEADERS HAD SUGGESTED THAT AFTER A PARIS MEETING, A SUCCESSION OF SUMMIT CONFERENCES MIGHT BE HELD IN WASHINGTON, LONDON AND MOSCOW.

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, KHRUSHCHEV SAID, "CAN ONLY WELCOME SUCH A DECLARATION" BECAUSE IT BELIEVED "IT IS IN THIS VERY WAY, BY MEANS OF PERSONAL MEETINGS BETWEEN STATESMEN AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, THAT URGENT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED MOST EFFECTIVELY."

HE THEN EXPRESSED READINESS TO MEET IN PARIS BUT SUGGESTED OTHER DATES THAN APRIL 27.

"I HOPE, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT THESE CONSIDERATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU," HE CONCLUDED.

KHRUSHCHEV MADE NO MENTION OF WESTERN PROPOSALS THAT A SUMMIT TALK BE CONFINED TO THE FOUR BIG POWERS. APPARENTLY HE LEFT THE QUESTION OF INVITATIONS TO EAST AND WEST GERMANY, RED CHINA AND INDIA--ALL OF WHOM RUSSIA HAS SUGGESTED BE INCLUDED--TO THE FUTURE, PERHAPS AT THE TIME A CONFERENCE CONVENES.

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LONDON, DEC. 25 (AP)-MOSCOW RADIO TODAY WISHED AMERICANS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR OF TRUE PEACE, "GENUINELY GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS" BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES AND "STILL MORE PLENTY" FOR ALL.

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IN A SPECIAL BROADCAST BEAMED TO NORTH AMERICA, A COMMENTATOR SAID 1959 "LIVED UP TO OUR EXPECTATIONS." IT CITED PREMIER NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, HIS PROPOSAL FOR TOTAL DISARMAMENT AND THE U.N. RESOLUTION ON DISARMAMENT AND PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S "WISH THAT ALL DISPUTED QUESTIONS BE SETTLED BY PEACEFUL MEANS."

"IT IS GOOD TO BE ABLE TO SAY," THE BROADCAST CONTINUED, "THAT THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE WHICH LAST YEAR WAS STILL UNATTAINABLE IS NOW TAKING THE SHAPE OF REALITY.

"WITHOUT PREDICTING ANY RESULTS IN ADVANCE, I THINK IT CAN NEVERTHELESS BE SAID THAT THE MEETING OF EAST-WEST HEADS OF GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO BE A USEFUL ONE," THE SOVIET COMMENTATOR SAID.

HE ADDED THAT SOME INFLUENTIAL FORCES IN THE UNITED STATES WOULD STILL LIKE TO "FREEZE SOVIET-U.S. RELATIONS." BUT "REASON AND GOOD WILL," HE SAID, "ARE FINDING THE WAY....WE ARE BETTER OFF ~~THAT~~ THAN WE WERE LAST YEAR. WE NOW HAVE A GREATER GUARANTEE THAT NEITHER WE NOR OUR CHILDREN ARE GOING TO KNOW THE HORRORS OF WAR AND THAT AS THEY GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER BETTER, THE SOVIET AND U.S. PEOPLE WILL BECOME BETTER FRIENDS."

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